In 2011, the North Carolina Writers' Network began offering Mary Belle Campbell Scholarships to allow poets who teach to attend the annual Fall Conference, held in November each year in North Carolina. Held every year in a major hotel, the conference rotates annually.

These scholarships will honor the memory of the late Mary Belle Campbell and the legacy of her many contributions to North Carolina's literary traditions.

The Campbell Scholarships will further the craft and careers of at least two poets who teach full-time. Each scholarship will cover the cost of a standard registration fee, group meals, and two nights' lodging at the conference venue, at the North Carolina Writers' Network's annual Fall Conference. The estimated monetary value of each scholarship is $550.

The Campbell Scholarship application process will be open to those who teach full-time at the K-12 level, and who have produced a significant body of poetry. Teaching poets who live in North Carolina and adjacent states (VA, TN, GA, SC) will be eligible, but special consideration will be given to applicants from the area hosting the Fall Conference, as well as to Network members.

Applications will include a curriculum vita or resume, proof of employment with a public school system or accredited school, a statement of written intent describing both what the applicant hopes to accomplish as a poet and what the applicant hopes to learn at the Fall Conference, and 10-12 poems of the applicant's own creation (published or unpublished) that demonstrate their skill with and commitment to the genre.

A committee created by the NCWN Board of Trustees, which will include published poets and/or

editors of poetry journals, will review all applications and award available scholarships. Applications will be reviewed without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, religious or political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

Scholarship recipients will be allowed to select from all poetry workshops offered at that year's Fall Conference, including the Master Class, as well as one workshop concerned with publishing, marketing, or another aspect of the business of writing.

Applications, as well as any questions concerning the Campbell Scholarships, should be sent to NCWN Executive Director Ed Southern at ed@ncwriters.org .